



# the Dagligtale

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## First Annual Master Titrators Competition a Success

Augustana science students were challenged to show off their titrating skills to meet and BEAT their pros in a friendly, but competitive competition to be the Titration Master of Augustana early this October. This event, hosted by Augustana Biology Club produced a great turnout from students and professors alike, with 25 students and 8 pros battling for the big prize watched by many cheering (and laughing) spectators. Prof representatives from all science departments were there to compete including Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Computing Sciences and (outside of the sciences) the Chapel.

### Winners:

With sweat beading on foreheads and fingers meticulously and frantically working to get the most accurate end-point of the solutions, this competition was a close one. Third year student Meredith Easton came out on top in the end, taking the title - over BOTH Chemistry professors (ahem...who will remain unnamed at this time...ahem). "To get a glimpse of this amazing trophy, head over to the (temporary) location housed in the First year chem lab, soon to moved to its permanent location in the organic chem lab."

The pros were all given a second chance at glory in the Surprise Prof Round, which consisted of a speedy round, a sprint to the Martin Luther statue and finishing off with choking



down a nice big piece of cake. The non-science contestant, Chaplain Craig pulled out in front and was the winner of this race (maybe he's ignored his calling to Chemistry!?).

### Honorable Mentions:

A very honorable mention is extended to biology pros Dr. Haave and Kyle Anderson for their intense, crazy and speedy attempts. Maybe next year

the strategy to distribute the cake from their mouth to all over their faces (trying for a larger surface area for absorption maybe?) will change to putting the cake IN their mouth (giving their head-gut secretory digestive enzymes a chance to help them out).

### Big Thanks:

A big thank-you to everyone who came out to participate, watch and support the competition and furthermore, an even BIGGER thanks to David King, Dr. Carter and the Chemistry department for donating their time and supplies. For those who weren't able to make it out and those who were, you have all year to practice up and be ready for next year's competition!!!

- Alicia Baier



### SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The First Annual Master Titrators Competition was a huge success. The competition was put on by the Augustana Biology Club and was held in early October. The first place winner of this years event went to third year student, Meredith Easton. A congratulations goes out to all participants on a job well done.

# Preview Day at Augustana last month



## Vikingites meet the Vikings

These two girls are prospective students from the small town of Viking, which is about 50 minutes away. Heather Zemanek, left, and Amanda Hogstead, right, enjoyed a day of touring the campus and attending sessions.



NICOLE MADU PHOTO

Instructions were given to the prospective students about how the day was going to run. It began with registration, then meeting the professors and staff, followed by attending classes and information sessions. Overall, students got a feel for the Augustana life and what University is all about.



NICOLE MADU PHOTO  
Students and parents milled around the Quad during the "meet the professors" session on Preview Day. Many new faces were seen in classes as well as wandering halls and the dorm buildings.

By NICOLE MADU  
*Co-editor*

Once again, Augustana fluffs its wings to prepare for the future students. On October 20, the campus was a blur of new faces milling around despite the chilly weather. Preview day took place from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m., with many activities in store for the students.

Preview students began arriving at 9:00 to register for the day. A welcoming ceremony then took place in the Faith and Life lounge. Students were introduced to the professors and staff as well as informed on the days itinerary.

Next on the agenda, students either met with their prospective professors or attended chapel. The Faith and Life truly came to life with all the excited new students full of questions about their program of choice.

Two Grade 11 students from Viking, Alta. came up for the day to take in the "sneak-peak" experience. They are excited to attend Augustana in a few years because of the small campus and closeness to home. They confessed that a big perk to this campus is the U of A degree they get in the end. However, they preferred the Augustana campus over the Edmonton campus by far. They spoke with a few professors and were thoroughly impressed with how well they were treated.

Prospective students could then attend a class of their choice from 10:30 to 11:20 a.m. or learn about the unique programs which this campus offers. Such programs include the Costa Rica program, study in Cuba, the Mexico Rural Development Exchange and residence life.

After learning about the school of choice, the prospective students met up with a current Augustana student. A meal in the cafeteria was enjoyed with conversation about furthering these eager students education. Real life stories, which the current students shared with the preview students, are often what truly draws a student to a campus. The current students toured the campus with the prospective ones.

Shortly after 1 p.m. a question-answer panel was set up with current Augustana students who "spilled the beans" on what Augustana is all about. The chapel was the location for this experience of experiences. Financial aid and program requirements were also a topic of the session. It was a good learning opportunity for the preview students.

The session ended with closing remarks and students headed off to one final class for the day. The preview day wrapped up at about 3:00, with students leaving the campus with a real-life view of Augustana.

## Augustana Club Fair



NICOLE MADU PHOTOS

The Augustana Club Fair, which was held on October 18, was a success this year. Each club set up a booth in the Faith and Life Lounge with information about themselves. Students then checked out and possibly signed up for the clubs.



# Better Know an Editor:

## Matt Slingsby

So, you want to know about Slingsby? While I suppose it is an issue late, but as they say there's no time like the present. So here we go.

I was born at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary on March 27<sup>th</sup> 1986. I spent the first few years of my life in the great city of Calgary (GO FLAMES!!!) before being relocated to Armstrong, BC, where I started school. After the third grade my folks relocated back to Alberta, this time to a small village called Caresland near Strathmore and Calgary (never heard of it? We were in a Ford commercial once.) I was again relocated to California where I spent a year before returning once again to Alberta to Strathmore, where I am content to call home, and attended, as well as graduated from, Strathmore High School. While I carry influences from each of the places I have resided at one point or another the Strathmore/Calgary area is where my heart lies to this day.

After graduation it came time to choose where I would further my education. Influenced heavily by the teachers I had in high school and a love of theater I decided to pursue a career in education as a high school drama teacher. So I began my degree here at Augustana with a concentration in drama (which later changed to a major after the U of A merger) and a minor in English intending to eventually get an Education degree. Over the next few years my minor flip flopped from English, to no minor, to Religion, until I finally settled on a double Major in Drama and Philosophy. My plan to become an educator has not changed since I arrived here.

As I said above I have a keen interest in drama, although I'm not sure exactly where it came from. I began taking it as an elective in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and haven't looked back since. It has been encouraged by many of my teachers along the way, involvement in the Passion Play in Drumheller, as well as involvement in a Strathmore community theater group now called the Strathmore Theater Players Guild, I believe. But drama is not my only creative interest. I have also developed a passion for music, as an observer and as a musician (if I may be so bold as to call myself).

My interest in philosophy as an actual discipline to be studied came about only after 2 years here at Augustana. While trying to fill a few core requirements I stumbled upon a set of courses that didn't have any pre requisites. Fantastic I thought, although at the time I had no idea what I was getting myself into. The first Philosophy class I took here was Existentialism with Dr. Phil. I was instantly hooked. A door was opened for me that I couldn't help but walk through. I knew right away this was an avenue of study I needed to know more about. And so I took every step I could to do just that, and, as I said about drama in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, I haven't looked back since.

Now that you know a bit about me and my interests and study program here at Augie I will tell you why I decided to become an editor of our humble little paper.

In my freshman year at Augustana I heard about this thing called "The Dag". At the time I believe Pumo was the editor. It was filled with scathing articles about how the RA's on campus were abusing their power and acting as a type of on campus police,

Every one was talking about it. It was exciting for a timid freshman to see someone speaking out against an administrative injustice, calling into question the authority of the administration. As the years went by I kept reading, and began to become more and more disappointed. Few of the editors that came after Pumo had quite the same fire in their belly, so to speak. As editors came and went I saw this paper which had once inspired me to ask more questions and examine things more closely become more and more of a joke on campus. Which led me to ask the question: "how do I get that job?" I figured if I was going to complain as much as I did I might as well try my hand at doing it better. And so I applied and here we are. While not everything I've written in here has been a scathing attack on the administration, I hope that at the very least it has made for a semi-enjoyable read between classes. And if there are students out there who have (and will) enjoy my contributions to the student media, then I have accomplished the goal I set out to achieve. Thanks for reading and submitting. Keep 'em coming Augustana, with your help we can make this a paper to be proud of.

-Slingsby  
Co-editor



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## Student Opinion **On Philosophy**

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I don't know how many others thought this, but before I took philosophy classes in university, I'd always thought that the chief aim of philosophy was the meaning of life. And well, that's not really false, although maybe something of an oversimplification.

And so, of course, I've come across a few. As for that, all of you have too. I'd like to use your time now to work through one that has meaning for me at least. I don't believe this is *The Meaning of Life*, at least you understand, more like a meaning of life. And I suppose now is a good time to mention that this comes to me from Aristotle by way of Professor Rob Lee-Nichols; I can't exactly take much credit for it.

So first off, what is humanity? We are intelligent, but so are other animals (although most would say to a lesser degree). We are social, but so are other animals. We have religion, and that may make us unique, at least on earth. What Aristotle latched on to was the fact that we are a unique kind of social being, in a way different from other animals because our societies are dynamic. They change drastically not only from place to place but even over short pieces of time. He calls us the political animal.

Then in theory we are most at home when we live our natures. When you picture politics, this gets depressing. Really depressing. But Aristotle hadn't seen Canadian federal politics. He took "political" to mean "attempting to benefit the community". And he understood a community to be much smaller and more intimate than a loose aggregation of 30 million people. Meaningful interactions for him happened face to face or perhaps through letters with people he could know. To belong to such a community is our human place, even if the community is online or over oceans; and I at least would take benefit as something as minor as even sharing a joke or going out on a Friday. In short, it is to make our little corner a brighter place, at least for us who live here.

So I think a very important part of life is more or less to hang out with family, friends and coworkers. Imagine you could take a person and isolate him or her from other people. He or she still has food, water, shelter and other "basic" needs, but how soon would their life become pretty empty? We need other people to make life worth living. But more than that, it isn't enough just to passively absorb other people, we need to "benefit the community". But I don't think that this needs to be anything revolutionary. This is herding all your friends to a rock show (which I did and found surprisingly fulfilling), or going out to Scally's. Just interacting is benefiting the community too- it couldn't exist without people interacting with each other, that's what it is.

This isn't to deny helping others far away, merely to say that it is harder to find personal interaction there. It is a good thing to do, and it may help you sleep better but it won't improve your days because there is no, or very little interaction there.

And so there it is. Is it useful? Do you like it? Please flag me down to say what you think if you know me, or e-mail me at [mark@markfarr.com](mailto:mark@markfarr.com). And if all this has failed, perhaps the answer you seek is 42.

Please see editor opinion on this topic on page



Talking students may get chewed out

I would like to extend my disgust this month to those among us who cannot keep their traps shut during class. It is one thing to whisper every once in a while, or even heavens, if no one cares, whisper all freaking class. But if two students are talking, and I mean talking, the whole lecture, so much that the professor thinks they are confused over the

material, I deem them rude.

I have a lecture on Monday, Wednesday and Friday where two girls use their vocal cords to the full strength. I began sitting on the same side of the classroom as them and then switched sides. It is amazing to me that their voices carry across the classroom and I can still hear them.

I would just like to ask

students to be courteous to their fellow peers. Some

of us want to be in the lectures and want to finish the degrees we began. If you are in the classroom only to get notes from the professor's slides, then leave because you are not learning anything anyway. Do not bother coming to class because you are in turn affecting my grades because

what the prof is explaining.

If you cannot whisper in a normal hushed manner where the only thing others can hear is the odd 's', then keep the trap closed. Nobody wants to hear your voice. Nobody cares.

If you talk in class, go home before somebody reams your ass out.

-Nicole Madse

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# Twenty-five signs you might be Canadian

1. You're not offended by the term "HOMO MILK".
2. You understand the phrase "Could you pass me a serviette, I just dropped my poutine on the Chesterfield."
3. You eat chocolate bars, not candy bars.
4. You drink Pop, not Soda.
5. You know that a Mickey and 24's mean, "party at the camp, eh!"
6. You don't care about the fuss with Cuba. It's a cheap place to go for your holidays, with good cigars and no Americans.
7. You know that a pike is a type of fish, not part of a highway.
8. You drive on a highway, not a freeway.
9. You have Canadian Tire money in your kitchen drawers.
10. You know that Casey and Finnegan were not part of a Celtic musical group.
11. You get excited whenever an American television show mentions Canada.
12. You brag to Americans that Shania Twain, Jim Carrey, Celine Dion & Mike Myers are Canadians.
13. You know that the C.E.O. of American Airlines is a Canadian!
14. You know what a touque is.
15. You design your

- Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.
16. You know that the last letter of the English alphabet is always pronounced "Zed".
17. Your local newspaper covers the national news on 2 pages, but requires 6 pages for hockey.
18. You know that the four seasons mean: almost winter, winter, still winter, and road work.
19. You know that when it's 25 degrees outside, it's a warm day.
20. You understand the Labatt Blue commercials.
21. You know how to pronounce and spell "Saskatchewan".
22. You perk up when you hear the theme song from "Hockey Night in Canada"
23. You are in grade 12, not the 12th grade.
24. "Eh?" is a very important part of your vocabulary, and is more polite than, "Huh?"
25. You actually understand these jokes, and tell them to all of your Canadian friends! Then you send them to your American friends just to confuse them!

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- The consumption of alcohol may lead you to believe that ex-lovers are really dying for you to telephone them at four in the morning.
- The consumption of
- alcohol may make you logically converse with members of the opposite sex without spitting.
- The consumption of alcohol may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.
- The consumption of alcohol may lead you to think people are laughing WITH you.
- The consumption of alcohol may cause pregnancy.
- The consumption of alcohol may be a major factor in getting your ass kicked.

Do you like the new layout for the paper?

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Would you like to see the paper contain more controversy, more humour, more real-life campus related information.

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-Nicole and Matt-



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## Words from Warren

### Articulo Uno



I've thought long and hard about what I wanted to write and submit to the Dog. I pondered countless lame one-liners, long and thoughtful discussions, hilarious stories and sports reviews. I read news stories, watched pointless shows on TV, and reached into the depths of my own mind; finding that for my very first article there was only one thing that I could write about: Nothing.

Now hold on, before you go turning that page. I don't mean "nothing" as in the complete absence of something. I mean "nothing" ala Jerry Seinfeld, and look at what it did for them: Fame and fortune baby! I mean George Costanza ended up working for the friggin' New York Yankees...and he slept under a damn desk all day. And hey, if it just so happens that George Steinbrenner picks up this particular paper, reads this particular article and ends up calling me (1-780-678-0187 Mr. Steinbrenner...) and offering yours truly a job, well who am I to say no? However that's neither here nor there.

So you may ask, why nothing? Well think about it. What one subject in this world is so universally accepted that you can write an entire article about it and come away feeling no smarter, but no dumber? What one subject can you elaborate on for eons and never get anywhere? Look at the song that never ends. It is about nothing, and for some perverse reason unbeknownst to man, we all get some kind of sick and twisted kick out of it. You people shaking your heads, don't give me that. You have all sung it at some point, and guaranteed in the next 12 hours, simply because I mentioned it, you will again have that desire to sing it aloud. If you do not, then I ask you to prove it. You may either send me \$5, or a video tape showing me the entire 12 hours after your reading my article. The results will be the subject of a future article.

Now you have read to almost the end of this article, and I ask you...what did I write about? You picked this paper up, turning to this page hoping to find a valuable piece of information. You wanted to know something, you looked to me to provide that something, and I did. Didn't I? Of course I did, it was just all subliminal. Congratulations, you are now carrying my child.

PS....if you didn't find the child joke funny, that's ok, because sometime soon you are going to hear someone say something like "Haha now you're carrying my child" and you will remember this article. And when that happens, I will know I have done my job.

This is the song that never ends...yes it goes on and on my friend...

## SPAM is good for you

Hello Augustana!

First of all, I'd like to apologize for coming off a little hyper in the last article (and I profusely apologize for my use of 'LOL', apparently I use MSN Messenger much more than I thought I did). My topic this month is something I'm quite familiar with: Veganism. Most people don't understand it (or don't care to understand it, either way), so I thought I might try to clear up some confusion. Essentially, veganism is, to me, a way of living in line with your moral beliefs about the world. Most vegans consume no animals products of any kind (that include eggs used in baking, butter, milk, cheese, and any meat product.), and choose not to wear or support clothing made from animals, like leather jackets and shoes, or fur coats. I don't believe that animal agriculture is sustainable in any way, and facts demonstrate this effectively: 7 pounds of corn and soy are needed to produce one pound of pork, 70% of the U.S. grain crop goes to feed animals we eat, 1.5 billion tons of manure per year is excreted from food animals (versus .73 billion from North Americans); 200 million male chicks are killed per year through suffocation, gas or grinding. To add a little perspective to that, more than 33,000 children die per day from starvation or malnutrition worldwide. The implications of animal agriculture go beyond mad cow disease. If most of the North American Population were to adopt a vegetarian/vegan diet, we could easily feed millions of people with the grain crops that would have previously been used to feed livestock. Not only that, but animal waste causes eutrophication of water, making it unfit to drink and endangering many species of aquatic life. Overgrazing of land has caused soil erosion to the tune of 90% of the US losing soil at least 13 times faster than it can replace itself. With the environment at such a precarious position in history, it's up to us to change our consumption habits. Why not start off with something easy and healthy - your diet?

Despite what you may have heard, veganism is not dangerous to your health. It's important to get enough Vitamin b12, which can be taken in pill form (unless you like to eat dirt...), otherwise all other nutrients are covered in a vegan diet. Calcium is easily gained through fortified soymilk (which comes in chocolate and vanilla). Also, vegans do eat more than just vegetables and tofu! You can veganize any recipe, especially baking, by using powdered egg substitutes and soymilk. Meat can be replaced by Seitan, Tempeh, or Tofu. Cheese can be 'made' using a combination of nutritional yeast, tofu, and spices. Yes, eating at restaurants is difficult. Yes, I do pass up baked goods that I haven't made myself. And No, I don't miss cheese, eggs, or milk products. I feel amazingly healthy and am always full of energy, not to mention finding it very easy to maintain a healthy weight. If you're not up to the commitment of veganism and don't want to give up your leather knee high boots, I challenge you with vegetarianism. Vegetarians come in many forms (although always excluding all types of chicken, beef, or pork): lacto-vegetarian (only eats milk products), lacto-ovo vegetarian (eats milk products and eggs), ovo-vegetarian (eats eggs but no milk products), lacto-pesco-ovo vegetarian (eats fish, milk products, and eggs), strict vegetarian (essentially vegan, but without the clothing crisis), and combinations thereof. All of these are at least one step towards creating a more sustainable future for the earth.

So try going vegan or vegetarian for a week - I dare you. You'll be amazed at

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## Up Coming Events

### Brought to you by the Students' Association

Tricks For Eats - October 31

Outdoor Hockey Tournament - TBA

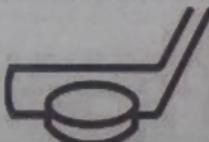
Battle of the Bands - Coming soon in November

Last Class Bash - April 13

Operation Christmas Child - December

Hot Tub Fest - TBA

Spring Formal - February 10



# Sports

## How are the Vikings Doing??

We don't know. We are left in the dark on the matter. However, I am frustrated to say that the Booster is acquiring more

information about the athletes and awards this school has and gives out, then the campus newspaper. I am starting to feel a bit neglected.

Everyone says they

want to see more student life in the Dagligtale, yet, we don't see any of it. It would be nice to have some updates or stats come across the old desk.

We want to promote the athletics department and have committed a section for it, yet are seeing more enthusiasm in submitting to the Booster than to the Dag.

Hope to see or hear more from the athletes next month. To everyone else who is

wondering how the month teams are doing as well, sorry. No news this

-Nicole

## Track the Athletes

### Hockey Schedule:

Friday November 3- NAIT at Augustana, 8 pm.

Saturday November 25- MacEwan at Augustana, 8 pm

### Basketball Schedule:

Saturday November 4- LC at Augustana, 5 and 7 pm

Saturday November 18- CUCA at Augustana, 5 and 7 pm

Friday November 24- NAIT at Augustana, 6:30 and 8:30 pm

Tuesday November 28- TKUC at Augustana, 6:30 and 8:30 pm

### Volleyball Schedule:

Friday November 3- Olds at Augustana, 6:30 pm

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Saturday  
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Sunday  
3:30 to 8:00 p.m.

These times are effective  
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This is the space for the athletes of the campus to spread the word about their sport related topics!  
-can include personal summaries of the last month, team summaries for the last month  
-also, upcoming sporting events can be posted here - a great way to bump up the crowd size is by informing your fellow

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# Professor Profiles

## Janet Wesselius

As I sat down to talk with our new philosophy professor on campus, I was pleased to see how well decorated her office was. As a student who considers this place his home as well as his place of learning it's always nice to see a professor who tries to make this place as homely as possible for themselves. The office decorum was merely the first thing that impressed me. Janet is a professor who genuinely loves her job, and the place where she has chosen to do her job. Outside of school she is involved in Kairos: Canadian ecumenical justice initiatives, an organization that works for social justice in Canada and around the globe. She is also involved with Citizens for Public Justice who examine reasons people are in need and how there situations can be changed. "CPJ" applies its public justice framework to issues of

concern through research, analysis, publishing and public Dialogue! She is indeed a welcome addition to our little corner of the academic world.

MS: tell me about your academic background?

JW: I did my undergraduate degree at the university of Alberta after having grown up in southwestern Manitoba. The reason I went to the Uof A was not because there was anything wrong with the universities in Manitoba but I wanted to get away from home. I was a philosophy major and an English minor so I've always been in philosophy. After I finished my degree I worked as a social worker in Edmonton for a year and then I went to grad school. I did philosophy at the institute for Christian studies in Toronto and

almost immediately after that I did a PhD in philosophy at the university of Amsterdam.

MS: what drew you to philosophy?

JW: I am from an ethnic background that valued philosophy very highly, Dutch Calvinist for example. What drew me to it? I suppose a couple of things. I had some really good philosophy professors who I admired and were role models for me. And I was really good at it. What I like about philosophy is that it talks about important and meaningful things, fundamental issues, and at the same time combined with that is this intellectual rigor. It's not for the intellectually lazy.

MS: Any specific philosophers in particular?

JW: I don't know.

Probably Plato or Descartes.

MS: why did you take up teaching?

JW: Well at that point that's basically what you did with a degree in philosophy, although its true PhDs in philosophy can do other things. I'm not sure what else to say except that I really, really like to teach. And also because I think that the stuff that I teach... has something to do with our daily life with how we organize ourselves as a society. I find it really stimulating to teach too. What I really like is that it doesn't matter how many times students ask me similar kinds of questions or bring up similar objections to some theories it's always really stimulating to have this back and forth.

MS: why did you choose Augustana to

think about.

JW: It's really easy for me to answer why I want to be at Augustana, because it's a liberal arts college, because it values teaching, and also because I think its really important, if you think about a liberal arts education and training people or giving them an opportunity to become good citizens. When I say good citizens I mean to become citizens who can participate.

MS: In a Socratic sense?

JW: exactly. That is so important, I know a lot of my students aren't going to become philosophy majors, and that's fine with me, but a lot of the stuff I concentrate on is giving them tools to think critically about anything. I'm really interested in the way we think, the tools we use to think, how our logical categories shape what it is we can in fact

JW: how about if I put it this way. Anybody who takes my class, even if they don't talk much, chances are we're going to know each other. That's the way my classes go.

## Meet the Editor: Nicole Madu

It has been suggested by one of the good students of Augustana that we, the editors, should spill the beans on what we're all about. Well, incase there are a few of you out there who don't already know me... here I am in a nutshell.

I was born and raised in Viking, Alberta. The town has a population of about 1200 people and is located 50 minutes away. Everybody

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everybody in that place, so needless to say, I would not have survived in a large city. Therefore, I chose Augustana as my place for furthering the resume.



When I go home, I visit

my mom and dad as well as little brother. But I guess when they are almost 18, they're not so little anymore. I also have a puppy at home, and once again at the age of 7, she's not really a puppy. But I love her still as though she was.

Some people leave highschool, looking forward to meeting an entire new set of friends. However, I must say that my highschool friends are still as close as the day we graduated. Sure some have drifted their own way, but every once in a while we all get together and look out... trouble is let loose. I

guess that is maybe a small town thing because my mom still has her friends from highschool and they all live in different places.

Upon graduating with my fellow 30 classmates, I chose to enter the science program. I am currently in a science degree with a biology major and environmental minor.

I live in a house in Victoria Park with my boyfriend, who is stuck in camp most of the time. He took pictures of the rig site to show me and all there is for miles around are trees.

I thought it would be great, him buying a house

and all, but then it snowed and he was at work. It took me an hour to shovel the garage pad and all the stupid sidewalks. I am starting to think the apartment would have been a better choice.

So you may be asking how I wound up working for the Dag. Well, in highschool I worked for a weekly paper in Viking as the student reporter. Then, the summer after freshman, I went back to the paper for the summer. Upon returning for my second year at Augustana, I was the advertising coordinator for the Dag, working with Ben and Joe. This past summer, I was

editor of The Community Press which covers the Flagstaff County. And then here I am today, editor of the Dagliglate.

I feel sorry for Matt because I am so set in my ways about how a paper is laid out and how it operates that I fear I leave him no room for suggestion. However, I try to be open and if you hear him complain about the co-editor, it may be for good reason.

But, with all histories and differences aside, I hope this year's paper is one you will remember. And if it's not, well that's your own damn fault because you didn't tell us to smarten up.



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# Not Just another Nut-job with a knife

*Movie review of Saw 3 with Slingsby*

It is difficult in today's day and age to make a series of movies hold together well. It just isn't done like it used to be. Long gone are the days of Indiana Jones, Star Wars and other great trilogies. While it has been attempted by the likes of the X-men and Mission impossible franchises, it just hasn't quite worked, until now.

Last night I had the pleasure of viewing the most recent installment in, what this humble reviewer believes is, one of the first great horror triologies of our time. I am of course talking about Saw 3. I have been hooked on these movies ever since I first saw the original (unfortunately on DVD I missed the theatrical release). With an incredibly engaging story, dynamite performances from Cary Elwes, Tobin Bell, Danny Glover and others, and the best

fictional serial killer since Hannibal Lecter, how could I not be? I was not disappointed by the second installment, and now having seen the third am quite satisfied to call this my favorite set of horror movies since... well since ever I suppose. Some may say it's bold of me to compare Jigsaw to Hannibal, but hear me out before you decided to crucify me for blasphemy. Horror movies as of late and in the past as well have been too reliant on what I like to call Nut Jobs with Knives. Some twisted fuck with a personal vendetta against some specific character or another for the lamest reason they can come up with (i.e. You ran over my daddy with your car, or your mommy was a whore and that's why my family is broken). Either that or they use the same vendetta idea, but instead of a real person, they

throw in some pissed off spirit or ghost, and in our increasingly secular society, who's afraid of ghosts anymore.

What makes the likes of Hannibal and Jigsaw so scary is two fold. Firstly they are real people (as I said above ghost stories don't really scare people like they used to) and secondly we just can't look away. These characters go so much deeper than is typical of Hollywood these days. They engage us, fascinate us, we even grow to like them in a twisted sort of way. They have more purpose than your typical movie psychopath. And because the saw franchise has not messed around with the original character they have also left intact the same theme through all three films. This theme is the value we place on our own lives.

What makes your life worth living? What would you be prepared to do to keep on living? These are Questions that are posed to all the victims of Jigsaw. Almost everyone in these movies, who dies,

chooses to do so. They all have an option, an option to save there own lives, while it may involve great suffering they will still live. This theme is also part of what makes these movies so scary. If they

don't make you wonder something along the lines of "could this happen to me?" then you must not have seen the same movie I did.

Slingsby



Jigsaw( Tobin Bell and his protege Amanda(Shawnee Smith)

## Reply to Philosophy Submission

Nathan has presented me with a few interesting ideas; some I fully agree with, others I would care to expand on, or perhaps just put my own twist on them. First of all philosophy as a search for the meaning of life. I believe, to some degree that philosophy is the search for the meaning of life, but not The Meaning of Life™ merely as you put it a meaning of life. Each individual human life is different, does it not seem arrogant of us to say they should all have the same meaning. What fulfills my life may not work for you, or the guy in the apartment down the hall from me. Kierkegaard talks of the stages on life's way, the final stage of which he calls the religious stage. The religious stage consists of total self surrender to God. Now some might say that I am contradicting myself by saying find your own meaning to talking about self surrender to God. But I have long held to the idea that whether a philosopher is an atheist or a devout Christian; their philosophy can apply to both equally. So I will amend Kierkegaard's statement a little and call it total self-surrender to an ideal, whether it be

God, Science, philanthropy, or whatever the point is to have faith. As Kevin Smith said in one of his films "It doesn't matter what you have faith in, just as long as you *have faith*." Which brings me to my first counter point, what makes Human Beings unique in this world. I will be quick to disagree here with the idea that religion is what makes us unique, as I think Aristotle would have done himself. Aristotle called us "rational animals" and would have said, as many after him have as well, that it is our ability to reason and choose that separates us from the rest of the living things on this planet. The problem I see with this discovery is that we start to use the rational to try and eliminate the animal. We must use the rational to in some way control the animal, but we cannot totally negate or ignore it, for that would be to negate and ignore part of what makes us who we are. Because of the world we have built for ourselves and the society we choose to live in we must have some balance, some control over the animal and over the reason. To have this balance allows us to be

political, in the Aristotelian sense, which is to "benefit the community." I don't think this definition of political has changed; most federal governments in our day and age just aren't fulfilling it. They have become more absorbed in helping themselves and staying in power to truly benefit the community they preside over. And when that community is composed of over 30 million people the task can seem pretty overwhelming. But if we can realize that political behavior exists outside the realms of government we can begin, as Nathan said, to benefit our own community. With the uprise of existentialism in the last century or so we have become so focused on the individual. Individual happiness is what matters most to us, and I think it might be safe to say a large number of us have never been more miserable, because we have forgotten a basic principle for happy life in society. I'm here now to let all you people who think society owes you your chunk of happiness in on a little secret. Here it is: WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. Does this balance allows us to be

happiness less important? No. It just means it's not the be all and end all of life on this planet. Happiness for social creatures stems from being social, from positive interactions with other social beings, not little blue pills with fancy sounding names. Sometimes this means helping your fellow man, even at the expense of your immediate happiness and physical tangible pleasures. Kant says that we must "...treat humanity, whether in your own person or that of another, never simply as a means but always at the same time as an end" and while Kant and I may not always see eye to eye, on this point I don't think we could agree more. I will close with one more quote that I think is particularly relevant to the situation. The source may seem strange for a philosophical discussion on human interaction and the meaning of life, but I think it fits rather well. Those of you who know have heard me say it, but for those of you who don't know me my advice to all for making this planet just a little bit happier is: "Be excellent to each other. And party on dudes."

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Slingsby  
Co-Editor

# Fair Trade or Local Made

A sale which is new to Augustana to take place from November 20-24; items sold and possibly made by students

Augustana's first ever "Fair Trade or Local Made" sale will take place November 20th-24th; details such as times and location will be announced. This is to provide students with an opportunity to participate in alternative trade, right before Christmas when even cashless students are encouraged to spend like mad... consumerism. It's sick, but that's a rant for another day, so if you've got some buying to do, why not make sure it's not at the expense of others? And, the items available will be unique to Augustana- sold and made even made by some of your friends.

Four Corners, a combined effort of Canadian Lutheran World Relief and Ten Thousand Villages

will be represented, with Swaziland, fair-trade and often recycled items such as shoulder bags, linens, clothes, placemats, journals, baskets and art from all over the world. Augustana Against AIDS will also have a table, selling student-made toothbrush bracelets, notebooks, scarves, toques and art. Proceeds from these crafts will go to AAA's sponsored orphanage in

Swaziland. And, we want more campus groups to participate in this! So any club or faculty is welcome to volunteer at a table, or to set up a table to benefit the club or organization of their choice. Anyone with questions, or who is hoping to sell their wares should contact Tif McNaughton at [tim1@ualberta.ca](mailto:tim1@ualberta.ca), or 781-1407.

## Augustana Against AIDS Upcoming Events

November 20th-24th: AAA will have a table set up at the Fair Trade or Local Made sale, the cash from the items we'll sell at this event will go towards MacCorkindales, an orphanage in Swaziland.

November 23rd: Nicole, a woman working in Rwanda with Ubuntu (a non-government organization with connections to Edmonton) will talk with us about her work with widows, children and orphans in the fallout of the genocide. Although she will not speak exclusively about HIV and health issues, this will give us a chance to explore the relationship between Canadian development agencies and their recipient organizations, as well as understand the wide variety of social, political and economic challenges countries face on top of

health crises.

November 27th-December 1st: The week leading up to World AIDS day, December 1st, will give us an excuse to present information on HIV/AIDS in Canada and around the world, including (among many secret, exciting things) hosting documentary nights and info-sessions. Schedules of events will be all over campus closer to the date.

As always, keep our book-boxes in mind, and we also welcome your recycling, in the bins all around the dorms. Thanks to everyone who has participated, and supported us so far.

If you have any questions about these events, or you want to get involved, show up for our meetings on Thursdays at 6:00 in the coffeehouse, or email Catherine ([cscrubanga@ualberta.ca](mailto:cscrubanga@ualberta.ca)) or Tif ([tim1@ualberta.ca](mailto:tim1@ualberta.ca)).

## As the Poet Speaks

As the poet speaks  
with words of ink, the rain is  
blue and covers everything in its hue.  
A man walks, a beige pea-coat over  
his shoulders,

a drip after one other  
falls on him, making blue strokes  
in his hair and on his coat

The poet sees the man painted  
blue with the pink face  
and is shaken by forlornness  
found in colour so pure

A young woman passes the poet  
with a white umbrella thoroughly  
glazed with the blue of the rain,  
dimming the already soft light  
surrounding her

The poet connects her eyes, the  
vibrant green fingers on his hands,  
when she has gone  
words of red move on the page.  
All the cars on the street are blue.  
With a yellow cap, the poet steps out of  
the café, the rain has

continued to spread its blanket  
blue  
and begins to touch the poet

The water pools to roll down the yellow  
leaving streaks of lasting blue,  
and beads and drops onto the gray shoulders  
of the poet's coat

The everlasting drops travel their way  
past the poet's purple heart,  
past the bones of hips,  
onto black shoes

and to the asphalt, resting  
with threads of yellow and beige; vapours of  
pink, green, purple; pieces of white and black  
All to be seen in  
the drops of blue

Ian McPhail

# Spooks, tricks and treats!

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We would like to see your  
crazy costume pictures

OR

hear your crazy halloween trick

# What's new with the SA

Time to tune the strings, tighten the skins, and start your college band up again. Battle of the Bands is coming.

Deadline to register your band is Nov 15, 2006 by e-mailing Karen [savpstudentlife@augustana.ca](mailto:savpstudentlife@augustana.ca)

Event takes place at Cadillac's on Nov. 30, 2006 starting at 8:00pm. Busses are running from 7:00pm-11:00pm to and from the event and are FREE.

Nominate your Favourite Professors for Prof. of the Week. This Professor will have a write up in the Gateway and simply be labelled the most amazing Professor ever for 1 week.

Nomination Forms can be picked up in F203 from Cindy.

Nominate your Prof. TODAY!!

Access Fund Deadline is November 14 to apply for the NON-REFUNDABLE bursary for students with financial need.

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Worried your parents are forgetting you exist...GET YOUR PHONE CARDS from F203 to remind them what you want for Christmas.

Pick up your Boxes for Operation Christmas child. Deadline is Nov.17, 2006 either at the SA office or at your local Safeway.

Spring Formal is coming up in February so bring back those pretty clothes that you left at home after Christmas Break.



The SA event takes all the events to the MAX, Look at Dean Epp Joining in on the Photo Hunt

## Quote of the Month

"Happiness is not a destination. It is a method of life."

-Burton Hills

## Photo of the Month

There were many photos submitted this month but I'm afraid, winners have to be chosen. These are this editions top two photos of the month. To the right, two freshmen pose atop their prize from the "Bigger and Better" contest. The car has been sitting in front of the theatre building since that time with flat tires. It is amazing the car even made it to the parking lot. Below, a snapshot of some of the fun that took place during the Master Titrators Competition. What is that on your face Dr. Haave?

